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 KLAN TRIAL

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- AS JURY SELECTION CREPT FORWARD IN THE TRIALS OF SIX AMERICAN NAZIS AND KU KLUX KLANSMEN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY SAID THE DEATHS OF FIVE SUPPORTERS HAVE UNITED THE GROUP.

THE NAZIS AND KLANSMEN ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE SHOOTING DEATHS LAST NOVEMBER OF THE FIVE SYMPATHIZERS AT AN ANTI-KLAN RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE CWP.

AFTER MORE THAN THREE WEEKS, ONLY FIVE JURORS HAVE BEEN SEATED. PROSECUTORS WERE TO CONTINUE SCREENING POTENTIAL JURORS TODAY. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL HAVE A CHANCE THURSDAY TO QUESTION THOSE ACCEPTED BY THE PROSECUTION.

ABOUT 900 POTENTIAL JURORS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, OR DISMISSED WITHOUT INTERVIEWS, DURING THE SELECTION PROCESS. MORE THAN 1,200 OTHERS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR USE AS NEEDED.

SEVEN MORE JURORS AND FOUR ALTERNATES REMAIN TO BE SELECTED. THE CWP HAS SPREAD THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS THROUGHOUT PARTY NEWSPAPERS, WHICH IDENTIFY THEM AS MARTYRS IN THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A SOCIALIST STATE.

"WE GRIEVE DEEPLY FOR THE FIVE COMRADES, BUT WE'VE TURNED THAT GRIEF INTO STRENGTH," CWP MEMBER ROSALYN PELLER OF DURHAM SAID MONDAY. "PEOPLE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN US NOW, AND OUR INFLUENCE IS SPREADING."

PARTY SPOKESMEN WILL NOT DISCUSS THE CWP'S MEMBERSHIP. AND RESIDENTS OF THE PREDOMINANTLY BLACK PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT WHERE THE SHOOTINGS OCCURRED SAY SUPPORT FOR CWP IS LIMITED THERE.

"I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ONE PERSON HERE WHO BELONGS TO THAT GROUP," SAID RUTH BEASLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE RESIDENTS COUNCIL.

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 KLAN TRIAL

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- PROSECUTORS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, WHO HAVE PICKED A JURY TO HEAR THE MURDER TRIAL OF SIX KU KLUX KLANSMEN AND AMERICAN NAZIS, BEGAN SEARCHING TODAY FOR FOUR ALTERNATE JURORS. THE NAZIS AND KLANSMEN ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE SHOOTING DEATHS OF FIVE COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AT A "DEATH TO THE KLAN" RALLY HERE.

SELECTION OF THE 12-MEMBER JURY WAS COMPLETED FRIDAY WHEN DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ACCEPTED THREE MORE MEMBERS. TESTIMONY IN THE TRIAL WILL BEGIN AFTER THE FOUR ALTERNATES ARE CHOSEN.

THE SIX WOMEN AND SIX MEN CHOSEN FOR THE JURY ALL ARE WHITE, AS ARE THE DEFENDANTS. THE SIX DEFENDANTS ARE THE FIRST TO BE TRIED AMONG 22 PEOPLE INDICTED AS A RESULT OF THE NOV. 3 SHOOTING AND RIOTING.

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 KLAN-AGENT

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- A KU KLUX KLANSMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE NOV. 3 SHOOTING DEATHS OF FIVE DEMONSTRATORS SAYS AN UNDERCOVER FEDERAL AGENT HAD URGED HIM TO TAKE A WEAPON ON A MOTORCADE THAT PASSED THE ANTI-KLAN PROTESTERS.

ROLAND WAYNE WOOD, ONE OF SIX MEN FACING TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGES, SAID TUESDAY FEDERAL AGENT BERNARD BUTKOVICH ENCOURAGED HIM TO PUT A PISTOL UNDER HIS BELT AND COVER IT WITH HIS COAT. WOOD SAID HE REFUSED.

"I ASKED HIM WHY HE WANTED ME TO DO THAT," WOOD SAID. "HE TOLD ME I WOULD BE A FOOL NOT TO."

GREENSBORO POLICE CAPT. D.L. THOMAS, WHO HEADED THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATHS AT THE RALLY SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY, SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT WOOD'S ALLEGATION.

WOOD'S STATEMENT WAS THE FIRST DIRECT ALLEGATION THAT BUTKOVICH, AN AGENT FOR THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PLANNING THE MOTORCADE. SHOTS FIRED AS THE MOTORCADE PASSED THE RALLY KILLED FIVE COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS. AUTHORITIES ALLEGE.

EARLIER REPORTS HAD INDICATED THE AGENT DID NOT INFLUENCE PLANNING FOR THE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION ALTHOUGH AUTHORITIES ACKNOWLEDGE HE WAS PRESENT DURING THE DISCUSSIONS.

POLICE CHIEF ED SWING SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT BUTKOVICH'S WORK UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO. THOMAS SAID HE HAD NOT TOLD SWING BECAUSE HE DIDN'T BELIEVE BUTKOVICH HAD DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE SCHLOSSER ALSO CONFIRMED TUESDAY THAT BUTKOVICH FILED A REPORT ON HIS UNDERCOVER ACTIVITY "SHORTLY" AFTER THE SHOOTINGS. SCHLOSSER SAID HE HAD NOT MADE THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SIX NAZIS AND KLANSMEN ON TRIAL BECAUSE IT DID NOT PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE.

SCHLOSSER SAID HIS OFFICE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT BUTKOVICH'S ACTIVITIES BEFORE NOV. 3.

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 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS (UPI) - A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THE KU KLUX KLAN SHOOTING IN GREENSBORO, N.C., WITH THE IDEA OF OBTAINING A COURT ORDER AGAINST ANY KKK ACTIVITIES DEEMED A "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER," WILL HEAD A DISCUSSION TOMORROW BETWEEN U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL BENJAMIN CIVILETTI AND HISPANIC LEADERS.

ATTORNEY RUBEN BONILLA, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, SAID A REQUEST FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION INTO KKK ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MADE AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HISPANIC AD HOC COMMITTEE.

CIVILETTI AGREED TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

"IN LIGHT OF THE WEEKEND ACTIVITY OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, WHICH ALL AMERICANS FIND ABHORENT AND REPULSIVE, WE PLAN TO ASK ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVILETTI TO ANNOUNCE A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION OF THE RENEWED ACTIVITY OF THE KKK," BONILLA SAID.

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RALLY DEATHS LEAD

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- A FIFTH PERSON DIED TODAY OF WOUNDS SUFFERED IN A SHOOTING ATTACK ON PARTICIPANTS IN A WEEKEND RALLY AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN.

AUTHORITIES SAID MICHAEL R. NATHAN, A PHYSICIAN FROM DURHAM, DIED LATE THIS MORNING IN MOSES CONE HOSPITAL.

HIS DEATH CAME AS 14 SUSPECTS IN SATURDAY'S SHOOTINGS WERE ORDERED HELD WITHOUT BOND AFTER A JUDGE DESCRIBED THEM AS "IMMINENTLY DANGEROUS TO THE COMMUNITY."

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ROBERT CECIL SAID THE 14 MEN WOULD BE HELD IN THE GUILFORD COUNTY JAIL, PENDING PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS ON NOV. 20.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) - PRESIDENT CARTER, TROUBLED BY A RESURGENCE OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, HAS DIRECTED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ACTIVATE A SPECIAL WATCHDOG UNIT TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT GREENSBORO, N.C.

MORE THAN TWO DOZEN FBI AGENTS WERE DISPATCHED TO NORTH CAROLINA TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTING IN WHICH FIVE WERE KILLED DURING AN ANTI-KLAN PROTEST, PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL SAID YESTERDAY.

POWELL SAID CARTER, "LIKE ALL AMERICANS, ABHORS ORGANIZATIONS... THAT SEEK TO DRAW FRAGILE AND ILL-DIRECTED SUPPORT FROM BIGOTRY AND PREJUDICE."

"THIS ADMINISTRATION STANDS, AS IT HAS DEMONSTRATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, FOR THE WIDEST RANGE OF FREE SPEECH AND FREE EXPRESSION WITHIN THE LAW, BUT NO GROUP HAS THE RIGHT TO ADVANCE ITS BELIEFS BY ACTS OF VIOLENCE," POWELL SAID.

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HE SAID CARTER HAD SPOKEN WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIRECTING HIM TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PURSUES ITS OWN INVESTIGATION UNDER FEDERAL LAW - "TO DO EVERYTHING, IN SHORT, THAT IS POSSIBLE" TO TRACK DOWN ALL THE GUNMEN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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KLAN TRIAL

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) -- FOURTEEN MORE POTENTIAL JURORS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY PROSECUTORS IN THE MURDER-RIOT TRIAL OF SIX AMERICAN NAZIS AND KU KLUX KLANSMEN.

PROSECUTORS, USING THEIR PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES SPARINGLY, WERE TO SCREEN MORE PROSPECTIVE JURORS TODAY. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL EXAMINE THOSE APPROVED BY THE PROSECUTION ON THURSDAY.

FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES SO FAR. PROSECUTORS APPROVED 23 POSSIBLE JURORS THIS WEEK FROM A JURY POOL OF 2,250.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE SCHLOSSER SAID TUESDAY THAT PROSECUTORS WHO HAD USED 59 OF THEIR 84 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES, WERE ACCEPTING AS JURORS PEOPLE WHOSE ANSWERS WOULD HAVE EXCLUDED THEM EARLIER.

THE DEFENDANTS ARE CHARGED WITH FIVE COUNTS OF MURDER AND ONE COUNT OF FELONIOUS RIOTING EACH IN THE SHOOTING DEATHS OF FIVE COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AT A "DEATH TO THE KLAN" RALLY HERE NOV. 3.

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